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Art Unit 3632

Examiner Baxter

In re application of

VERTICAL SLIDE CLIP

Zadeh

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowability (the "Notice") issued on October 6, 2006 in connection with the subject application. In response to the "Reasons For Allowance", Applicant submits the following remarks.

The Reasons For Allowance provide that "some of the primary reasons for the allowance of the claims in this application are..." As will be noted below, each and every allowed claim does not contain each and every recitation that has been indicated as a reason for allowance. In particular, the Reasons For Allowance provide that "some of the reasons for allowance of the claims are the limitations of a bracket for connecting a pair of building components together...". Responsive to this statement, Applicant respectfully submits that

claims 16-21, 37, 50-54,60-62 are directed to a “vertical slide clip”. Claims 55-59 and 63-67 are directed to a “slide clip”.

The Reasons For Allowance further provide “... comprising a first connector plate having one or more fastener holes,...”. Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 16-21, 30, 31, 37, and 50-67 do not contain that recitation.

The Reasons For Allowance further provide that the bracket comprises “a second connector plate integrally connected to the first connector plate,...”. Claim 32 is the only claim that specifically recites that the second connector plate is integrally connected to the first connector plate.

The Reasons For Allowance state that the bracket comprises “...at least one stiffener disposed in a juncture formed between the connector plates...”. Claims 55-59 and 63-67 do not contain such recitation.

The Reasons For Allowance also state that the bracket comprises “...at least one linear stiffener channel disposed on the first connector plate...”. Claims 19-21, 50, 51, and 52-67 do not contain such recitation.

The Reasons For Allowance also state that the bracket comprises “...one or more rows of fastener receiving holes extending through a portion of the second connector plate...”. Claims 1-6, 16-21, 30, 31, 37, and 50-67 do not contain that recitation.

The Reasons For Allowance also provide that “...each of the one or more rows of holes being substantially parallel with any adjacent one or more rows of holes, and an endless stiffener substantially encircling the portion of the second connector plate containing one or

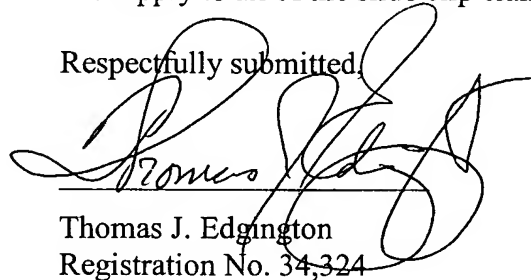
more rows of fastener holes...". Applicant respectfully submits that this recitation only appears in claim 32.

Applicant submits that all of the foregoing statements were apparently only referencing independent claim 32 and do not apply to all of the allowed claims.

Turning next to the statements concerning a vertical slide clip, claims 50, 51-54 and 60-62 do not recite "at least one linear stiffener ridge". Applicant submits that the statements concerning a vertical slide clip were apparently only referencing claim 37.

Applicant further submits that the statements in the Reasons for Allowance directed to slide clips apparently only reference claim 63 and do not apply to all of the slide clip claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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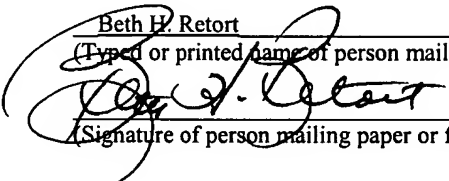
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